



## **City of Carrollton Comprehensive Plan Meeting Summary West Carrollton Community Meeting**

Date of Meeting            October 26, 2007  
Location                 West Carrollton Recreation Center

In attendance            Approximately 45 members of the public and four City Staff  
                                     representatives

### Agenda

**6:00 pm**

Sign-in

Welcome & Introductions - Charles Griffin, City Planner

Purpose & Process Overview - Charles Griffin

Quality Growth Task Force Update – Lee Walton, MACTEC

Planning Issues & Opportunities Discussion – Lee Walton

Open Question & Answer

Adjourn

### Meeting Summary

At 7:05 PM City Planner, Charles Griffin, kicked off the meeting with introductions. Charles explained the meeting agenda and spoke briefly about the purpose of the .

Charles then began with a brief overview of the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan and why local governments are required to update and maintain them. Charles also spoke about the importance of public involvement during the planning process and emphasized the need for all segments of the community to have an opportunity to get involved.

After a small discussion about the purpose of Comprehensive Planning, Charles introduced Lee Walton, a consultant with MACTEC. Mr. Walton then began a discussion on the *Quality Growth Task Force*.

Lee began by presenting a few facts about the Quality Task Force study, a study that was performed in 2003 aimed at identifying issues within the community of west Carrollton. Lee explained the significance of the study and how it would be important to carry forward the finding of the study within the Comprehensive Plan. After doing so, Lee then led the group on a discussion of issues and opportunities in Carrollton.



The issues and opportunities discussion was focused around the various components of the Comprehensive Plan. The items discussed are listed below by component.

### **Housing**

- Too many apartments
- Unidentified vacancy within multi-family developments
- Increased number of foreclosures
- Need for federal programs to assist in housing redevelopment opportunities
- Need for more code compliance, particularly within existing mobile home parks
- Need for immigrant housing
- Flood zone development
- Allow for dense housing developments that incorporate open space and “TND” land planning

### **Economic Development**

- Big Box development and redevelopment opportunities
- Need for more technical training opportunities
- Lack of skilled labor

### **Transportation**

- Public transportation needs for the elderly and general public
- Making public transportation connections to larger networks, such as GRTA (Georgia Regional Transportation Authority) facilities in Douglas County.
- Complete the Carrollton Bypass
- Need to retime signalized intersection in downtown
- Need for strategically placed raised sidewalks and pedestrian bridges
- Greenbelt project and the importance of linking recreational opportunities to community access points

### **Natural and Cultural Resources**

- Crime deterrent lighting
- Solid Parks and Recreations Department and facilities
- Odor problems associated with water treatment plant

### **Infrastructure**

- Quality and affordable water
- Need for expanded sidewalks, particularly in the areas of south maple street and Haysmill Road
- Latino law enforcement presence and trained officers
- Need for citizen education and public awareness programs



Each item was generated and discussed by the audience with some members of the community offering more input than others.

Charles Griffin then concluded the meeting by announcing the overall schedule and what to expect over the next few months. Charles stated the meeting would be summarized and uploaded to the city's website. Charles also stated the next community meeting would be November 30<sup>th</sup> at the East Carrollton Recreation Center November, with subsequent meetings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.